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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. $\boxtimes$ This communication is responsive to <u>applicant's amendment</u>	nt filed January 12, 2007.		
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Redinger on February 1, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

# **Claim 13:**

Line 2, after "side panels", inserted: --being coupled together--.

Line 5, before "hinge", changed "a" to: --an elongate--.

Line 6, before "hinge", inserted: --elongate--.

### Claim 19:

Line 2, after "side panel", inserted: --being coupled together--.

Line 3, after "therein", inserted: --, said frame having --.

Line 5, before "hinge", changed "a" to: --an elongate--.

Line 6, before "hinge", inserted: --elongate--.

## **Claim 25:**

Line 2, after "side panel", inserted: --being coupled together--.

Line 5, before "edge", inserted: -- longitudinal--.

Line 6, changed "second edge" to: -- second longitudinal edge--. And, changed "said first edge is connectable" to: --said first longitudinal edge is connected--.

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Line 7, change "second edge" to; --second longitudinal edge--.

# Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 13, 19-20 and 25 are allowed.

### Reasons For Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's argument filed January 12, 2007 is deemed to be persuasive. The prior art of record, whether taken individually or in combination, does not reveal or render obvious a collapsible enclosure comprising at least one elongate strip of flexible material having an elongate hinge section and a plurality of cutout elements, wherein the elongate hinge section, along the entire length of the elongate strip, is continuously connected to a fabric sleeve of a flexible side panel as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### **Drawings**

4. The drawings were received on August 11, 2006. In response applicant's argument, the Objection set forth the last office action is withdrawn. These drawings are approved.

### **Inquiry Contacts**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Winnie Yip whose telephone number is 571-272-6870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-5:30).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Dunn can be reached on 571-272-6670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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